

What is claimed is:

1. An absorbent garment, comprising:
  - a garment chassis;
  - 5 a pair of inner containment flaps attached to the garment chassis and a pair of outer containment flaps attached to the garment chassis, the inner containment flaps and the outer containment flaps having substantially the same tensile strength; and
  - 10 wherein the tensile strength of the containment flaps is from about 40 grams to about 80 grams.
2. The garment of Claim 1, wherein the tensile strength of the containment flaps is about 60 grams.
- 15 3. The garment of Claim 1, wherein the garment chassis includes an outer cover, a bodyside liner, and an absorbent core intermediate the outer cover and the bodyside liner.
- 20 4. The garment of Claim 3, wherein the pair of inner containment flaps are connected to the bodyside liner, and wherein the pair of outer containment flaps are connected to the bodyside liner.
- 25 5. The garment of Claim 1, wherein each of the pair of inner containment flaps and each of the pair of outer containment flaps includes at least one elastic member, and wherein the elastic members provide the tensile strength.
- 30 6. The garment of Claim 5, wherein the garment chassis includes a chassis length, wherein the at least one elastic member defines an elastized length of the inner and outer containment flaps, and the elastized length is equal to about 50% to about 100% of the chassis length.

7. The garment of Claim 5, wherein the garment chassis includes a chassis length, wherein the at least one elastic member defines an elastized length of the inner and outer containment flaps, and the elastized length is equal to about 70% to about 80% of the chassis length.

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8. The garment of Claim 5, wherein the at least one elastic member of each of the outer containment flaps defines a first elastized length, wherein the at least one elastic member of each of the inner containment flaps defines a second elastized length, and wherein the second elastized length is less than the first elastized length.

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9. The garment of Claim 8, wherein the garment chassis includes a chassis length, and wherein the second elastized length is equal to about 20% to about 80% of the chassis length.

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10. The garment of Claim 9, wherein the first elastized length is equal to about 50% to about 100% of the chassis length.

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11. The garment of Claim 8, wherein the garment chassis includes a chassis length, and wherein the second elastized length is equal to about 40% to about 60% of the chassis length.

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12. The garment of Claim 11, wherein the first elastized length is equal to about 70% to about 80% of the chassis length.

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13. The garment of Claim 8, wherein the garment chassis includes a chassis length, wherein the first elastized length is equal to about 75% of the chassis length, and wherein the second elastized length is equal to about 50% of the chassis length.

14. The garment of Claim 1, wherein a first of the pair of inner containment flaps and a first of the pair of outer containment flaps are adjacent, and wherein the

first inner containment flap and the first outer containment flap are formed from a continuous sheet.

15. The garment of Claim 14, wherein the first inner containment flap and the first outer containment flap each include a single ply portion.

16. The garment of Claim 14, wherein the first inner containment flap and the first outer containment flap each include a double ply portion.

10 17. The garment of Claim 16, wherein the double ply portions are adjacent the garment chassis.

15 18. The garment of Claim 1, wherein the pair of inner containment flaps include a spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate, and wherein the pair of outer containment flaps include a spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate.

19. The garment of Claim 18, wherein the spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate has a basis weight of about 30 grams per square meter.

20 20. The garment of Claim 1, wherein the height of at least one of the inner and outer containment is about 27 mm.

21. The garment of Claim 1, wherein a first of the outer containment flaps is adjacent a first of the inner containment flaps along a first side of the garment chassis.

25 22. The garment of Claim 21, wherein the first outer containment flap is positioned about 5mm inwardly from the first side.

23. The garment of Claim 21, wherein the first outer containment flap is spaced at a constant distance from the first inner containment flap.

5 24. The garment of Claim 23, wherein the constant distance is in the range of about zero mm to about 30mm.

25. The garment of Claim 23, wherein the constant distance is less than or equal to about 25mm.

10 26. The garment of Claim 23, wherein the constant distance is less than or equal to about 20mm.

15 27. The garment of Claim 23, wherein the constant distance is less than or equal to about 12mm.

28. The garment of Claim 23, wherein the constant distance is less than or equal to about 5mm.

20 29. An absorbent garment, comprising:

an outer cover;

a bodyside liner; and

25 a pair of inner containment flaps attached to one of the outer cover and the bodyside liner; and

a pair of outer containment flaps attached to one of the outer cover and the bodyside liner, the inner containment flaps and the outer containment flaps having substantially the same height.

30. The garment of Claim 29, wherein the height of the containment flaps is from about 22 mm to about 40 mm.

31. The garment of Claim 29, wherein the height of the containment flaps is from about 27 mm to about 40 mm.

5 32. The garment of Claim 29, wherein the height of the containment flaps is about 27 mm.

33. The garment of Claim 29, wherein the tensile strength of the containment flaps is from about 40 grams to about 80 grams.

10 34. The garment of Claim 29, wherein the tensile strength of the containment flaps is about 60 grams.

35. An absorbent garment, comprising:

a garment chassis;

15 a pair of inner containment flaps attached to the garment chassis and a pair of outer containment flaps attached to the garment chassis, the inner containment flaps and the outer containment flaps having substantially the same tensile strength and substantially the same height; and

20 wherein the tensile strength of the containment flaps is from about 40 grams to about 80 grams.

36. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the tensile strength of the containment flaps is about 60 grams.

25 37. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the height is about 27mm.

38. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the height is in a range of about 22mm to about 40mm.

30 39. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the height is about 27mm.

40. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the garment chassis includes an outer cover, a bodyside liner, and an absorbent core intermediate the outer cover and the bodyside liner.

5 41. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the pair of inner containment flaps are connected to the bodyside liner, and wherein the pair of outer containment flaps are connected to the bodyside liner.

10 42. The garment of Claim 35, wherein each of the pair of inner containment flaps and each of the pair of outer containment flaps includes at least one elastic member, and wherein the elastic members provide the tensile strength.

15 43. The garment of Claim 35, wherein a first of the pair of inner containment flaps and a first of the pair of outer containment flaps are adjacent, and wherein the first inner containment flap and the first outer containment flap are formed from a continuous sheet.

20 44. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the first inner containment flap and the first outer containment flap each include a single ply portion.

25 45. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the first inner containment flap and the first outer containment flap each include a double ply portion.

46. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the double ply portions are adjacent the garment chassis.

30 47. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the pair of inner containment flaps include a spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate, and wherein the pair of outer containment flaps include a spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate.

48. The garment of Claim 37, wherein the spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate has a basis weight of about 30 grams per square meter.

5 49. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the garment chassis has a chassis length, the inner containment flaps and the outer containment flaps have an elastized length, the elastized length is about 50% to about 100% of the chassis length.

10 50. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the garment chassis has a chassis length, the inner containment flaps and the outer containment flaps have an elastized length, the elastized length is about 70% to about 80% of the chassis length.

15 51. The garment of Claim 35, wherein the outer containment flaps define a first elastized length, wherein the inner containment flaps define a second elastized length, and wherein the second elastized length is less than the first elastized length.

52. The garment of Claim 51, wherein the garment chassis includes a chassis length, and wherein the second elastized length is equal to about 20% to about 80% of the chassis length.

20 53. The garment of Claim 52, wherein the first elastized length is equal to about 50% to about 100% of the chassis length.

25 54. The garment of Claim 51, wherein the garment chassis includes a chassis length, and wherein the second elastized length is equal to about 40% to about 60% of the chassis length.

55. The garment of Claim 54, wherein the first elastized length is equal to about 70% to about 80% of the chassis length.

56. The garment of Claim 51, wherein the garment chassis includes a chassis length, wherein the first elastized length is equal to about 75% of the chassis length, and wherein the second elastized length is equal to about 50% of the chassis length.

5 57. A containment structure for an absorbent garment, comprising:  
a first flap having a first height and a first tensile strength; and  
a second flap having a second height and a second tensile strength,  
wherein the first height and the second height are essentially equal and the first tensile strength and the second tensile strength are essentially equal, the first and second tensile strengths being about 60 grams.

10 58. The containment structure of Claim 57, wherein the first flap is spaced at a constant distance from the second flap.

15 59. The containment structure of Claim 57, wherein the constant distance is in the range of about zero mm to about 30mm.

20 60. The containment structure of Claim 57, wherein the constant distance is less than or equal to about 25mm.

25 61. The containment structure of Claim 57, wherein the constant distance is less than or equal to about 20mm.

62. The containment structure of Claim 57, wherein the constant distance is less than or equal to about 12mm.

25 63. The containment structure of Claim 57, wherein the constant distance is less than or equal to about 5mm.

64. The containment structure of Claim 57, wherein the first flap and the second flap each include a single ply portion.

5 65. The containment structure of Claim 57, wherein the first flap and the second flap each include a double ply portion.

66. The containment structure of Claim 57, wherein the first flap and the second flap are formed of a single sheet of material.